on hand in addition to the investment of Rs.22,757 in the State Loan Bonds,etc.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) An estimate has been prepared for the required works and will be sanctioned early.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—With reference to answer to (*d*), when was the estimate prepared ?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Last year.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—What is the reason for the delay in executing the work ?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—There have been some alterations proposed subsequent to the preparation of the estimate.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Who suggested the alterations, what were they and what was the necessity for them ?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—The *Dharmadarsis* suggested them and the Deputy Commissioner recommended their acceptance.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Will the Government please see that the repairs are expedited ?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Yes.

MR. M. S. PUTTARAMA SETTY.—With reference to answer to (*b*), how much of the Rs. 22,757 has been invested in State Loan Bonds and how much in other investments ?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

Transfer of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills to Messrs. N. Sirur & Co.

MESSRS. M. A. GOPALASWAMIENGAR (Special Interests); R. DASAPPA (Devanhalli Taluk); T. MADIAH GOWDA and V. VENKATAPPA (Channapatna Taluk); H. GANGAPPA and M. S. PUTTARAMASETTI (Magadi Taluk); A. M. VENKATASAMIAH (Closepet Municipality); VEERE GOWDA (Doddballapur Taluk); M. LINGE GOWDA (Kankanhalli Taluk); GURUSWAMI GOWDA (Hoskote Taluk); S. T. MALLASETTAPPA (Nelamangala Taluk) and M. B. GURULINGIAH (Closepet Taluk).—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Has the managing agency of the Krishnarajendra Mills, Ltd., Mysore, been entrusted or is it proposed to be entrusted to Messrs. N. Sirur & Co. ?

(*b*) If so, what are the conditions and terms upon which the managing agency has been entrusted or proposed to be entrusted to them ?

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. S. SHAMANNA).—

A.—(*a*) It has been entrusted to Messrs. N. Sirur & Co.

(*b*) References may be made to the Articles of Association available at the Mills.

MR. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Before the transfer of the Mills to Messrs. Sirur & Co., was decided upon, did any local merchants or companies offer to take over the Mills ?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—That portion of the question has been disallowed.

MR. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Was a meeting of the general body of the concern held before it was transferred to Messrs. Sirur & Co. ?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—Yes.

MR. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Is there any stipulation in the Agreement of Transfer that Mysoreans who are at present working in the Mills should be kept on ?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—It would not be in the interests of the concern itself to replace the people now working in the Mills. Besides, the Board of Directors will see that no unnecessary changes take place.

MR. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Should not the Government also see that unnecessary changes of personnel are not effected ?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—We will consider that suggestion.

MR. M. A. GOPALASWAMIENGAR.—What is the reason for transferring the management of the Mills to Messrs. Sirur & Co. ?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—It was done in the hope that it would result in a better management of the concern.

MR. M. A. GOPALASWAMIENGAR.—Were the Government aware, at the time of transferring the management of this concern, that Messrs. Sirur & Co.,

were already managing two other similar concerns?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—Yes.

MR. M. A. GOPALASWAMIENGAR.—Were they aware how those two concerns were being managed by Messrs. Sirur & Co.?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—To some extent.

MR. M. A. GOPALASWAMIENGAR.—Did not the Government think that it would not be advisable to transfer the management of their concern to a company which was already managing two other like concerns?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—There were both advantages as well as disadvantages in entrusting the management to such a firm.

MR. M. A. GOPALASWAMIENGAR.—Is there any stipulation in the matter of the number or the proportion of shares to be held by Mysoreans? Has not the Mysore Chamber of Commerce submitted a Memorandum to Government on that question?

THE FIRST MEMBER (*Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur* K. MATTHAN).—Shares are not affected by this change.

MR. M. A. GOPALASWAMIENGAR.—Are the Government aware that all the shares held by Mysoreans are sought to be purchased by the Company itself and that, with this end in view, the share value is kept at as low a figure as Rs. 5?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—Shares are not kept low by the managing agents. It all depends upon the dividends the concern pays and other circumstances. Besides, this is purely a matter between the shareholder and the purchaser and Government have nothing to do with the matter.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—Have our Government not given a loan of Rs. 16 lakhs to the concern? Since that loan has not been repaid, is it not necessary for Government to continue to keep the Mills under their own management?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—The loan has nothing to do with management. The loan was given on the security of the plant, etc.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—Does not the fact that a Government Officer was in charge of the Mills prove that the idea of the Government was to keep it as a State-managed concern?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—No. The management was in the hands of a Directorate. Government had lent an officer to work as General Manager.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—Now that the Government cannot get back the loan, will they at least hold the officers who recommended the grant of the loan personally responsible for the amount?

DEWAN.—That question does not arise.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—Why not the Government supply the members of this House with copies of the Terms of Agreement?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—It is a very long document, the printing of which would involve unnecessary labour and expenditure.

MR. K. MATTHAN.—But a copy is available with the Financial Secretary and any member of this Assembly who wants to go through it may do so.

MR. M. SUBBAIYA.—Were the shareholders given 15 clear days' notice that the management of the Mills was going to be transferred to Messrs. Sirur & Co.?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—Yes.

MR. B. S. PUTTASWAMI.—Was the General Body informed that companies other than Messrs. Sirur & Co., had also applied for the transfer of the concern to them?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—So far as the authority of the Government over the Mills is concerned, it continues to be what it was. The only change is that instead of the management being vested in an officer lent by Government, it has been vested, with the consent of the shareholders, in Messrs. Sirur & Co. The Government will continue to have a voice in the Board of Directors. There is no difference whatever in that respect.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—What was the reason for transferring the management to a private agency?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—Government thought that it was better that the concern was managed by men with experience in the business.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Then, why was the management vested in the hands of less experienced men in the past?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—You are concerned more with the present state of affairs than with the past. And having made the change, Government find that it has already resulted in some improvement.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Did Messrs. Sirur & Co., themselves come forward to take up the management of the concern?

MR. S. SHAMANNA.—They were willing to take up the management.

Prohibition of Conferences arranged by the People's Federation.

MESSRS. T. MADIAH GOWDA and V. VENKATAPPA (Channapatna Taluk); R. DASAPPA (Devanhalli Taluk); A. M. VENKATASAMIAH (Closepet Municipality); VEERE GOWDA (Doddballapur Taluk); M. LINGE GOWDA (Kankanhalli Taluk); GURUSWAMI GOWDA (Hoskote Taluk); M. B. GURULINGIAH (Closepet Taluk); S. T. MALLASETTAPPA (Nelamangala Taluk) and M. S. PUTTARAMASETTI and H. GANGAPPA (Magadi Taluk).—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether it is true that the members of the "People's Federation" had decided to hold conferences in all parts of the State from 20th March to 20th April?

(*b*) Whether they are aware of the objects with which these conferences had been arranged to be held?

(*c*) Whether it is possible to state what those objects were?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the local officers prevented the holding of such conferences in some places; if so, what are the places in which the holding of such conferences was stopped and what are the reasons therefor?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN).—

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) Yes. The Government considered that the discussions at these conferences would mislead the raiyats and create trouble.

(*d*) (1) Nelapatna, Tumkur Taluk.
(2) Sugganahalli, Magadi Taluk, Bangalore District.
(3) Holera Kothanur, Kankanhalli Taluk, Bangalore District.
(4) Akkur, Channapatna Taluk, Bangalore District.
(5) Hunasanahalli, Channapatna Taluk, Bangalore District.

MR. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Were not the objects of the conferences made known to the public through printed appeals and hand-bills?

MR K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—That might have been done.

MR. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Were orders prohibiting the conferences passed after the notices explaining the objects of the conferences were issued?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Yes.

MR. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—From the notices issued, had the Government any reason to believe that the conferences were meant for creating trouble to Government?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Government did not rely entirely upon the notices. They made further enquiries in the matter and as a result of those enquiries felt that they should prohibit the conferences. The objects of the conferences might have been innocent, but the result might have been otherwise.

MR. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—What was the basis for the Government to suspect that the conferences would result in fomenting trouble?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—We cannot tell you all that.

MR. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that the local officers are not reporting facts to the Government correctly?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—That is too general a statement which cannot be accepted.

MR. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Have the Government any idea of rescinding this order of prohibition?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—No.

MR. H. HOMBE GOWDA.—Are not the